



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DNR TO HOLD ANNUAL WATER MONITORING CONFERENCE FEB. 1-2

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AMES — The DNR will hold its seventh annual Water Monitoring Conference Feb. 1 and 2 on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

This year's conference will address new water monitoring technologies, volunteer projects, water recreation opportunities, wetlands, Iowa's impaired waters, public health issues and Iowa's water quality standards, among other topics.

Keynote speakers for the conference include Garth Redfield, chief environmental scientists with the South Florida Water Management District, who will address restoration of the Everglades. Bill Jones of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University will present his observations on the major problems affecting lakes today. Al Dufour of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will discuss recreational water quality and swimming-associated illness. Finally, Andrew Simon of the National Sedimentation Laboratory will address stream restoration.

The DNR is still accepting registrations. The fee is \$30 and registration information, including forms and agendas, can be found at <http://wqm.igsb.uiowa.edu>.

Those unable to attend the conference can find most presentations following the conference at <http://wqm.igsb.uiowa.edu>.

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CITY OF BLAIRSBURG DISCHARGING WASTEWATER

MEDIA CONTACT: Jeremy Klatt, Clay Swanson or Glenn Carper at (641) 424-4073.

BLAIRSBURG — The central Iowa city of Blairsburg is discharging partially treated wastewater from its storage lagoons to the South Skunk River.

On Thursday, the city reported to the DNR that a storage lagoon began overflowing on Wednesday. To stop the overflow, the city started discharging from a storage lagoon. The DNR will allow the city to discharge only enough wastewater to provide space in the lagoons for continued storage during winter.

The DNR estimates that about 30,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed on Wednesday and that 200,000 gallons of wastewater will discharge per day until enough storage space is made. It is unknown how long the discharge will last.

The partially treated wastewater from the lagoon is discharging into County Drainage Tile number 4, which flows into the South Skunk River in Hamilton County.

The city will collect water samples and the DNR will continue to investigate the incident.

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LAKE RESTORATION REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

MEDIA CONTACTS: Mike McGhee at 515-281-6281 or Tom Wilton at 515-281-8867.

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has released its Lake Restoration Annual Report and Plan online at www.iowadnr.gov/water/lakerestoration/.

The annual report is required by legislation to show the plans and recommendations for lake restoration funding, as well as progress and results from current projects. The report also provides a suggested project list for the next year, and the funding necessary to accomplish those tasks.

The 2006 Infrastructure Bill appropriated \$8.6 million toward lake restoration.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

MEDIA CONTACT: Jessie Brown at (515) 281-5131.

DES MOINES — The DNR took the following enforcement actions in January 2007, unless otherwise noted. The following are only briefs; please contact Jessie Brown of the DNR for more information at (515) 281-5131.

Enforcement actions, including copies of the original orders and contact information, are now available on the DNR's Web site at www.iowadnr.gov/legal/eactions.html. The web listing will begin with orders taken in 2007.

Consent Orders

A consent order is issued in settlement of an administrative order or as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Black Hawk, Bremer Counties

- John Eveland, of Waterloo, agreed in a consent order to complete a Tier 2 assessment of his underground storage tanks (USTs), submit the results to the DNR and pay a \$6,720 penalty. The consent order is in regard to USTs located in Sumner. This order was taken in December 2006.

Carroll County

- Douglas J. Pudenz, of Carroll, agreed in a consent amendment to pay a \$7,000 penalty. This amends a 2005 administrative order regarding animal feeding operation violations at a site in Carroll County.

Fayette County

- The City of Wadena agreed in an amended consent order to pay a \$500 stipulated penalty. This amends the original 2005 consent order regarding wastewater violations. The city did not initiate construction on facility upgrades by the deadline issued in the 2005 consent order, but completed construction by the deadline stipulated in the order.

Polk County

- Adams Pork, dba Dan Adams, of Polk City, agreed in a consent order to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The consent order is in regard to failure to submit an updated manure management plan and annual compliance fee for a site in Polk County.

Ringgold County

- Dredge Feed Service, Inc., of Mount Ayr, agreed in a consent order to pay a \$1,000 penalty to the DNR and \$500 in a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to pay for anti-open-burning advertisements in local newspapers. The consent order is in regard to open burning violations at a site in Ringgold County.

Rescinded Orders

The following orders have been rescinded by the DNR:

- Ben Haven Mobile Home Park, of Quasqueton: a 2004 administrative order regarding drinking water is rescinded.
- Iowa Select Farms, LP, and Iowa Select Farms, Inc., of Des Moines: a 2003 administrative order regarding animal feeding operations is rescinded.
- Axtell Finishers, of Iowa Falls: a 2004 administrative order regarding animal feeding operations is rescinded.